



2615  
Jew

PATENT  
450101-02687

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Yoichiro ASATO et al.

Serial No. : 09/831,328

Filed : May 7, 2001

For : DATA RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND DATA  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING METHOD

Art Unit : 2615

745 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10151  
Tel. (212) 588-0800

I hereby certify that this correspondence  
is being deposited with the United States  
Postal Service as first class mail in an  
envelope addressed to:  
Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 1, 2004

Bruno Polito, Reg. No. 38,580

Name of Applicant, Assignee or  
Registered Representative

Signature

October 1, 2004

Date of Signature

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicants are filing this Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying form PTO-1449 along with copies of the prior art therein identified. Such prior art has come to the attention of applicants by being cited in a Search Report issued

PATENT  
450101-02687

in the corresponding European application on August 9, 2004. So far as applicants are aware, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not an admission that the documents identified herein constitute prior art to the present application.

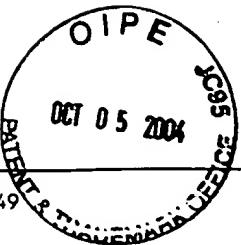
Please charge any fees incurred by the filing of this document or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP  
Attorneys for Applicants

By:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Bruno Polito  
Reg. No. 38,580  
Tel. (212) 588-0800



Based on Form PTO-1449  
(3/90)

ATTY. DOCKET NO.  
450101-02687

SERIAL NO.  
09/831,328

LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT  
(Use several sheets if necessary)

APPLICANT  
Yoichiro ASATO et al.

FILING DATE  
May 7, 2001

GROUP  
2615

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	5 760 767	06/02/98	Shore et al.			
	AB	5 717 663	02/10/98	Fujita			
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	AL	EP 1 001 623	05/17/00	Europe			
	AM	EP 0 801 389	10/15/97	Europe			
	AN						
	AO						
	AP						

OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AQ		
AR		
AS		

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
----------	-----------------

\* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.